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Washington, March 14. 1833.

My dear fri.

Soon after I wrote to you
last, I received the 2^d number of the
Plantæ Wrightiana which I have looked
over with great gratification. It is pub-
lished in good style, and for my own
part I shall feel much gratified if
you can continue the descriptions of the
new plants in the same way, so as to
secure (as I have before mentioned)
originality of discovery, & authorship.

I have full hopes that we shall
at the next session get the desired
appropriation for the plates, and the
more full text showed that be
your intention, for that is a point
left to your decision entirely.

I will tell you very frankly that I apprehend an attempt will be made in a certain quarter to get the collection I sent you, taken from my official custody. It is a thing that could not at any period of my late troubles, have succeeded, at least I think not.

Under present circumstances I feel assured any such attempt would fail. If therefore you should be very modestly requested to surrender the collection to any one, please as modestly decline to do so, and refer the applicant (should there be one) to me.

I am compelled thus to put you on your guard, to counteract the most unblushing affronting I ever witnessed. I am too old a soldier to be taken unawares by a coup de main.

I have written to Mr. Wright on this subject.

With great regard,

I remain sincerely yours

J. D. Graham

Prof. Asa Gray
Cambridge.

P.S. Can you not name some new genus after Colonel Sylvanus Thayer? If you do, please say

That it is done at my suggestion, &
is intended as a tribute to his long
& valuable services to his country &
especially in commemoration of his
being the founder of the present
system of instruction at the U.S.
Military Academy at West
Point.

You have already complimented
me far beyond my deserts, but
the country & science owe more to
Colonel Thayer, than to almost
any man in our Army.

J. D. G.